December 14th - Collective Meeting

Call To Order: 4:02

Attendance: Beau, Fernanda, Eric, Colby, Jace, Alynne, Zoe, Karleena

AGENDA:
1) Territorial acknowledgement - Beau
2) Designate note taker - Fernanda
3) Intros and check-in: What are you looking forward to over the winter break?
4) Palestine solidarity updates
   a) Bake sales
      ➔ We are still waiting for the funds to be processed.
      ➔ Alongside our transparency post, we’ll be adding information about the Islamic Relief Fund legitimacy.
         ★ The reason for this post with additional information is because a UVic student instigated that the Islamic Relief Fund was a supporter of Hamas.
   b) UVSSP involvement
      i. Response from Kevin Hall
         ★ The GEM has been invited, as well as the other advocacy groups, to a talk with Kevin Hall to talk about the demands on the letter addressed to Kevin Hall.
         ★ We are still waiting for Ally to let us know if GEM can be involved. If not, we would still like a member of GEM to go to the meeting.

5) Fernanda updates
6) EQHR Policy consultation
   ➔ EQRH has reached out to the advo groups to collaborate.
      ★ Earlier on the semester we were asked to do a conversation cafe talking about changes about the policies, which was not done
      ★ EQHR will make this policy public for feedback.
      ★ They are asking for a one-hour consultation with the coordinators.
      Collaboration with EQHR was approved by the collective and we will be moving forward with the motion.
7) Programming updates
a) Douches are here!
   ➔ You have to disclose you have a bootyhole :0
b) Art build Fridays – discuss name change?
   ➔ Casual drop-in every two weeks on Fridays
c) SEXPO planning
   ➔ Sexpo’s year 3. February 13-16
   ➔ We are looking for a curator
   ➔ There will be volunteer call-outs
   ➔ Committee making
d) Community liaisons – discuss list of potential groups we would like to prioritize partnering with. Potential options:
   
i. Women in Engineering, Science, and Technology
   ii. UVic Women in Science
   iii. Association for Women in Math (I think Ravessa is involved with them!)
   iv. Muslim Students’ Association
   v. Equity & Outreach (GNDR Course Union)
   vi. Leadership Through Diversity
   vii. Young Women In Business
   viii. Red Cedar Advocacy Club
   ix. World University Service of Canada
   x. Social Work’s BIPOC Student Support Circle
   xi. Socialist Fightback
   xii. Curbside Farms UVic
   xiii. Her Campus at UVic
   xiv. UVic Horticulture Club
   xv. UVic Fashion Club
   xvi. Boss Uvic
   xvii. Uvic C.A.R.E
   xviii. CREAN society
   xix. Circle UVic
   xx. African Caribbean student association
   xxi. UVic Indigenous student lounge
   xxii. Little big house UVic
   xxiii. History Undergraduate body
   xxiv. UVic Underlings
   xxv. Art history and visual arts student association
8) Referenda Q - to be submitted Jan 4  
   a) Current draft: Taking into consideration that the Gender Empowerment Centre (GEM) has not received a funding increase in 30 years -- and has in that time has become a resource for free sexual and reproductive health supplies, and expanded the demographic we serve -- do you support a fee increase of $1 for full-time students and $0.50 from part-time students per semester to help us meet increased demand for our programs and services?  
   b) Second draft: Considering that the Gender Empowerment Centre (GEM) has not received a funding increase in 30 years, during which it has evolved into a vital resource providing free sexual and reproductive health supplies while expanding its demographic outreach, do you support replacing the current fees allocated to GEM to $1.50 per full-time student per semester and $0.75 per part-time student per semester to meet the growing demand for our programs and services?  
      i. Feedback: Work on our outreach with diverse audiences.

9) Discussing changes to the space!  
   a) Couch cleaning - Rent Steamcleaner  
   b) Reworking the library  
      i. Shift to combined library x art space?  
      ii. Moving things around?  
      iii. What if we put a computer in the lounge and moved the big shelf into the library -- would be helpful for hybrid meetings and that computer never gets used where it is  

Motion to move things around was approved.
   c) Resource cart – to display menstrual cups, pregnancy tests, douches in the lounge, wheeled back inside the office at the end of the day

10) Winter break hours  
   I. The sub is closed from December 23, 2023 to January 2nd, 2024.

11) Collective members’ input  
   I. Jace wants to run a crocheting workshop sometime the third week of January.  
   II. Eric’s friend is completing their visual arts final project and a collaboration/involvement with GEM might happen!  
   III. What are we doing for GEM’S birthday?  
       ★ Decorate the space
★ Modeling

IV. Don’t forget to join the What’s App group!

Meeting adjourned: 5:25 pm